



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**MAYOR DICK MURPHY
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a meeting on April 20, 2005 hosted by Community and Economic Development located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Members present: Dr. Hui Cai, Daniel Chang, Jon Cohen, Dr. Martha Dennis, Marc Nemer, Tyler Orion, Craig Roberts and Maurice Wilson. Members absent: Craig Andrews, Scott Corlett, Dr. Tom Dillon, Charles Holland, Kristopher Lichter, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Scott Randall, Carrie Stone, and Julie Meier Wright. Community & Economic Development Department staff members: Adrienne Turner, Toni Dillon, Russ Gibbon, and Tina Hines. Others Present: Jean Cameron, City of San Diego Planning Department.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment and the Commission moved on to Agenda item III.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** February 16, 2005 (MOTION/Orion/Wilson/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF UPDATE**

Toni Dillon stated that the City of San Diego will have a \$50 million dollar budget shortage. As a result of this shortage, a review of all City accounts will be conducted to identify unexpended funds. The City is projecting that there will be a five percent reduction in the workforce.

Dillon concluded by saying that the BEAR Team continues to provide permit assistance to science and technology companies. In addition the team is also working on policy issues such as collocation, the Regional Airport Authority Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCPS), and the Economic Prosperity Element of the General Plan.

V. **POLICIES AND LEGISLATION IMPACTING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- A. **Presentation: Preliminary Draft of the Economic Prosperity Element:** Jean Cameron, Senior Planner, with the City's Planning Department stated that in the past have municipal operations have separated land use planning and economic development disciplines. This separation of disciplines has resulted in inconsistent policy objectives. The proposed Economic Prosperity Element of the City's General Plan will unite land use and economic development strategies to provide a more cohesive approach to policy objectives. This consolidated approach will assist San Diego in meeting a stated goal of the proposed General Plan "maintaining and enhancing the economic stability of San Diego."

Previously the General Plan had separate Industrial, Commercial, and Redevelopment elements. In the proposed General Plan, The Economic Prosperity Element will incorporate the previous elements into one coherent policy recommendation. The Economic Prosperity Element is further subdivided into three topics: 1) Employment Lands; 2) Economic Opportunity; 3) International Trade and Border Relations.

- B. Presentation: Proposal to the State of California: San Diego California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) Headquarters: Adrienne Turner stated that the San Diego CIRM Readiness Coalition has developed and submitted an aggressive proposal to locate the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) in San Diego. Turner mentioned that the Coalition in collaboration with City of San Diego and Slough Estates has offered a no cost fully serviced office facility for ten years. The 17,000 square foot facility has ample parking spaces and is located in the midst of the Biotechnology sector on North Torrey Pines Road, across from Torrey Pines Golf Course. Turner estimated the value of the lease to be nearly ten million dollars.

In conclusion, Turner cited that the proposals of four cities have been ranked in the following order: 1) San Francisco (158 points); 2) Sacramento (143 points); 3) San Diego (116 points); 4) Emeryville (113 points). Although San Diego's proposal is in third place, Turner is optimistic that once the (CIRM) Board Members have toured the Torrey Pines facility scheduled for May 1st, they will reconsider the significance of certain criteria. Subsequent to the tours of the facilities in the four cities being completed, two cities will be selected, a primary and a back up location.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

- A. Motion to approve the study prepared by the San Diego RTA entitled: "*An Examination of the impact of San Diego's Digital Divide on Regional Economic Prosperity*" (MOTION/Roberts/Wilson/UNANIMOUS). Ms. Tyler Orion mentioned that a copy of this report can be viewed on the San Diego RTA website www.sdrta.org. Dr. Dennis concluded with her request to reconvene the Digital Inclusion Work Group (DWIG) to discuss the future direction of this subcommittee.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Several members of the Commission requested more information about the collocation versus affordable housing issue. Dr. Dennis suggested that future presentations from stake holders that are on opposite sides of these issues would be beneficial.

- IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next meeting will be May 18, 2005 from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission; this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.